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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

This Reply and Amendment is submitted in complete response to the nonfinal Office Action dated June 26, 2000, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.112.

In The Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 6, 8, 11-12, 14-15, 19, 23, 25 and 27 as follows:

(Once Amended) A makeup container, the container comprising: 1.

a cover piece having a first interface, the first interface having a first

periphery; and

a base piece for holding a cosmetic substance, the base piece having a

second interface, the second interface having a second periphery corresponding to the

first periphery, wherein the first interface and the second interface provide a hermetic 6

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